

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 9 and 11-13 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

1-13. (canceled).

Please add the following new claims.

14. (new) An electronic apparatus having an input device, the input device comprising:

a sheet-type switch portion having a first sheet, a second sheet, a first electrode, and a second electrode, said first and second electrodes being between said first sheet and said second sheet, said first electrode being structurally adapted to come into electrical contact with said second electrode; and

a reversible chromatic layer having at least two coatings, each of said at least two coatings being structurally adapted to exhibit thermochromism, said first sheet being between said reversible chromatic layer and said first electrode.

15. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said sheet-type switch portion includes a spacer between said first sheet and said second sheet, said spacer being adjacent said first and second electrodes.

16. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said spacer is formed from an insulating material.

17. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein a void is between said spacer and another spacer, said first and second electrodes being disposed within said void.

18. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein a first coating of said at least two coatings has a temperature-dependent chromatic characteristic different than a second coating of said at least two coatings.

19. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said first coating is laterally adjacent to said second coating.

20. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said first coating is in contact with said second coating.

21. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said second coating is on said first coating, a portion of said second coating being removed to expose said first coating.

22. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, further comprising:

a heat-insulating layer, said sheet-type switch portion being between said heat-insulating layer and said reversible chromatic layer.

23. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said heat-insulating layer is between said sheet-type switch portion and a circuit board, said heat-insulating layer being adapted to prevent heat generated by electronic parts on said circuit board from conducting toward said reversible chromatic layer.

24. (new) The electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said reversible chromatic layer is located on a front surface of said sheet-type switch portion and exposed outward within a window provided to a housing of said electronic apparatus.

25. (new) An electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein an input operation is effected by direct contact with said reversible chromatic layer.

26. (new) An electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said first sheet is structurally adapted to be plastically deformed.

27. (new) An electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein an input operation is effected by direct contact with said second sheet.

28. (new) An electronic apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said second sheet is structurally adapted to be plastically deformed.